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SUBJ: ARAB BOYCOTT: DISCRIMINATORY REQUESTS--QATAR

REF: (A) STATE 10641, (B) STATE 12347

1. EMBOFF MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO KHALIL J. SHAMMAS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ISRAEL BOYCOTT OFFICE OF GOQ MINISTRY OF TRADE AND COMMERCE, CONCERNING QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARA THREE OF REF A.

2. IN REPLY TO QUESTION CONCERNING BASIS OF GOQ REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT FIRMS' ASSOCIATION WITH RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION (I.E., AJC) SHAMMAS INDIIATED THAT ACTION WAS INITIATED AFTER AJC HAD PUBLISHED LIST TF 22 COMPANIES IN WHICH IT HAD PURCHASED SHARES. ACCORDING TO SHAMMAS, 15 OF THESE COMPANIES WERE ALREADY BOYCOTTED AND NO ACTION WAS TAKEN WITH REGARD TO THEM. BOYCOTT OFFICE SENT INQUIRIES TO OTHER SEVEN COMPANIES AMONG THEM IH, GM AND IRVING TRUST TO DETERMINE EXTENT OF AJC OWNERSHIP. ACCORDING TO SHAMMAS, REPLIES INDICATED THAT AJC OWNED FIVE

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SHARES OF EACH COMPANY. IN LIGHT OF SMALL EQUITY HELD BY AJC NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. ACCORDING TO SHAMMAS THE ABOVE SEQUENCE TF EVENTS TOOK PLACE "ABOUT FIVE MONTHS AGO." HE WAS UNABLE TO SUPPLY PRECISE DATES.

3. SHAMMAS ASSERTED THAT ACCORDING TO BOYCOTT OFFICE AJC WAS POLITICAL RATHER THAN RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION AND NOW ALSO TRYING

TO BECOME COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATION. PROOF OF THIS, ACCORDING TO SHAMMAS WAS PAST ACTIVITIES OF AJC.

4. EMBOFF REQUESTED THAT GOQ STOP OUTSTANDING REQUESTS SINCE US FIRMS ARE PROHIBITED FROM RESPONDING TO BOYCOTT-RELATED REQUESTS AS TO AFFILIATION OF FIRMS OR PERSONS WITH RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. SHAMMAS REPLIED THAT THERE ARE NO OUTSTANDING REQUESTS AND THAT THE CASE IN QUESTION WAS SETTLED "MONTHS AGO". HE ADDED THAT NONE OF THE COMPANIES SEEMED TO BE IN DANGER OF BEING BOYCOTTED AND THAT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION WAS ROUTINE.

5. IN REPLY TO REQUEST FOR ASSURANCES THAT GOQ WOULD TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF DISCRIMINATORY REQUESTS SHAMMAS INDICATED THAT GOQ POLICY WAS TO REFRAIN FROM DISCRIMINATORY REQUESTS AND THAT NO DISCRIMINATORY REQUESTS HAD BEEN MADE. WHEN INFORMED THAT USG CONSIDERS AJC A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION SHAMMAS REPLIED THAT THE BOYCOTT OFFICE HAD TO MAKE OWN DETERMINATIONS OF WHETHER ORGANIZATION IS RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL RELYING ON ACTIVITIES OF GROUP RATHER THAN USG OPINION. SHAMMAS REPEATED THAT BOYCOTT OFFICE NEVER MADE REQUESTS BASED ON RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION. PAGANELLI

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